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Description: Bohun Bible f. 1r-v - Published literature suggests that the parent volume was written perhaps for a nunnery, perhaps in East Anglia, and was perhaps volume III of a four-volume set of which volume I is now London, British Library, Royal MS 1 E.iv. Owned by Richard Legh in 1613 (perhaps Richard Legh, b. 1549?, of East Hall, High Legh, Cheshire, or Richard Legh, b. 1554, of West Hall, High Legh): the last leaf of the parent volume, now Bodleian, MS. Lat. bib. b. 4, fol. 46v (formerly fol. 413v in the parent volume), is inscribed "Rich(ard)us Legh me possidet Anno Dñi. 1613" (the first four words repeated below, but crossed through in both cases). Richard Maria Domville (b. 1600 or 1603?, d. 1667), of Lymme Hall (about 2 miles from High Legh), eldest son and heir of Edward (d. 1639) and Eleanor (née Leycester). Sir Peter Leycester/Leicester (1614-78), antiquarian and historian (on whom see ODNB), of Nether Tabley (about 5 miles from High Legh), presented by Domville on 27 March 1665: below the Legh inscription on the Bodleian leaf is "Ex libris Petri Leicester de Nether-Tabley: qui liber mihi Dono datur a Richardo Maria Dumvill de Limme Armigero, 27 die Martij, Anno Domini 1665". The Bible appears in Sir Peter's library catalogue as follows: "Part of a greate Latine Bible in Manuscript: a fayre character with greate Gold-Letters contayninge the Proverbs & all the Prophets, about the tyme of Henry VI, as I conjecture, it was writ. [size:] Largest Folio [shelf:] D:8 [category:] Divinity" (Cheshire Record Office, DLT/B88, page 1). Inscribed on various leaves, noting losses of illuminated initials and whole leaves, e.g. "The first chapter is torne out" (Bodleian, fol. 1v), "The beginning of the Canticles is torne out to the 6th verse of the second chapter" (Bodleian, fol. 3r), "The letter here basely cut out with some other wordes therewith" (Bodleian, fol. 22v). The imperfect parent volume was apparently dismembered by Myers and Co., of New Bond St, London, in 1926/7; . Sold (with ff. 329 and 331) at Sotheby's, 21 June 1994, lot 19[c]; bought by Maggs for £2,070 including buyer's premium. Maggs Bros, European Bulletin 20 (1995) no. 45 priced £1200; apparently no. 1 in a later Maggs catalogue; bought by Mary Vaiana, of Los Angeles, and given by her to the Huntington in November 2007. - Peter Kidd, "Supplement to the Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library," Huntington Library Quarterly, vol. 72, no. 4 (December 2009) pp. 1-101. For further discussion, bibliography, and a chart of leaves known by 1989, see Margaret M. Manion, et al., Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in New Zealand Collections (Melbourne, etc., 1989), 93-95.

Notes: -This leaf is probably f. 335 of the parent volume.

Acknowledgments: - This description is based on that by Peter Kidd in the Huntington Library Quarterly, forthcoming.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 1

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Language: Latin *Country:* England *Century:* 14th

Part 1: f.1r-v

Description: - Parchment - 305 x 455 mm - Two columns of 22 lines; ruled in ink.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XIV^{med}

Searchable Date Range: 1340 - 1360

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes: ;

Script: Formal gothic script

Other Decoration: 2-line initials in gold on a parti-colored blue and rose ground with white tracery ornament, with leafy extensions extending up and down the outer margin; chapter number "XLVIII" and running headings "EXE" [sic] "CHIEL" in alternate red and blue characters.

Notes: Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: f. 1 verso

Title: Bible, O.T., Ezechiel

Language(s): Latin

Notes: The recto not visible as the leaf is currently framed. On the verso: Ezekiel 47:19-48:7: "[Tha]mar usque ad aquas ... ad plagam maris iuda una //"



Verso Initial.

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